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(g) All sub-assistant surgeons who were discharged were asked whether they were willing to accept temporary appointments when vacancies occurred. Appointments were offered in the order of seniority, but as all were not able to join immediately, vacancies had to be filled in the order in which their services were available.

(h) & (i) Those who were retired on compensation pension were on re-employment, started on the pay they were drawing at the time of discharge. The others were started on the minimum pay of sub-assistant surgeons and treated as new recruits to the service.

(j) Thirty-four.

(k) Yes.

(l) The memorials are under consideration.

(m) As stated in the answer to clause (g), it has happened that junior sub-assistant surgeons who joined the appointments earlier draw more pay than their seniors, but confirmations are made only in the order of seniority as it stood prior to retrenchment. The question of revising their initial pay on re-employment is under consideration in connexion with their memorials [referred to in clause (k)].

Public Health

Alleged protests against the proposed Mahanandi water-supply scheme.

*1793 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in relation to the question of investigation of the Mahanandi scheme of water-supply to the Municipality of Nandyal—

(a) how many petitions of protest including resolutions of meetings have been received up-to-date, and from whom;

(b) whether the Municipal Chairman has sent any communication or communications with regard to the investigation, and, if so, what the communation or communications are; and

(c) whether the Revenue authorities have made any report on the revenue aspect of the question and if so, what it is?

A.—(a) One hundred and nineteen petitions and seven resolutions protesting against the Mahanandi scheme of water-supply to Nandyal have been received by the Government. Most of the petitions were from the villagers in the Kurnool and neighbouring districts. A list [a] of persons from whom resolutions have been received is annexed to the answer.

(b) The Chairman, Municipal Council, Nandyal, reported recently that the sum of Rs. 2,500 required to meet the cost of the investigation of the scheme has been paid into the Imperial Bank.

(c) The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue and are awaiting its receipt.

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether through any of his communications the Municipal Chairman has suggested the lines of investigations to the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The investigations have to be made."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what the lines are that the Sanitary Engineer proposes ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Whether there will be sufficient water-supply and whether the town can be supplied with good water."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Sanitary Engineer proposes to investigate the questions relating to Engineering as such."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Engineer goes there to investigate the engineering questions as well. "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether borings are part of the investigations ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It depends upon what the Engineer finds he has to do."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the hon. Minister said that no borings would be made until he has visited and examined the scheme for himself ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes."

Prevalence of cholera in Ernad and Walluvanad taluks.

* 1794 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the prevalence of cholera on a large scale in the taluks of Ernad and Walluvanad in the district of Malabar ;

(*b*) whether his attention has been drawn to the article in the *Mail*, dated 21st March 1930 about this matter ;

(*c*) how many cases of attacks and of deaths there were in each of the taluks in the said district during this month ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of cholera in Ernad is due to the people using the infected water in a river, for drinking purposes ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that there is periodical recurrence of cholera in the said taluk on account of the people using this river water ;

(*f*) whether any and if so, what steps have been taken to remove the infection and to make arrangements for providing good drinking water to the people of the taluk ;

(*g*) if the answer to clause (*f*) is in the negative whether the Government will make any such arrangements as early as possible ;

(*h*) what steps have the Government taken generally to prevent further infection and to alleviate the suffering of the people in the two taluks ?